THE

Execution,

Speech, and Confession,

OF

Edward Coleman:

VVho was Drawn, Hang'd and Quarter'd

AT

TYBURN,

The 3d. of Decemb. 1678. For

HIGH TREASON,

Giving an account of the Particular Crimes for which he suffer'd, his behaviour in Prison after Condemnation, and his last Speech at the place of Execution.

With Allowance.

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The Execution, Speech, and Confession of that Arch-Traitor, Edward Coleman, &c.

THe name of *Coleman* is no doubt by this time Notorious throughout the Nation, as one of the Ringleaders or principal and most active Agents in the late Helliſh Plot, by a Miracle of Providence graciouſly diſcovered: And therefore we think it neceſſary for the ſatisfaction of all good proteſtants, to give a publique account of his infamous end, and the wicked Crimes that brought him thereunto.

This Gentleman was originally bred up in the proteſtant Religion, and the Son of a Miniſter heretofore in *London*, and was excellently Educated in Learning, which with the ſtrength of his natural parts, wherein few in *England* exceeded him, might have rendered him an incomparable man and fit to ſerve his Prince in great affairs, had he had diſcretion, or rather Grace, to have made a good uſe of thoſe Indowments. But on the contrary, travelling abroad, he was ſeduced to the Church of *Rome*, and became ſo wickedly zealous therein, that he entred into this Horrid plot, to root the proteſtant Religion out of *England*, and plant popery in its ſtead; and in order to this, to take away the life of our Soveraign Lord the King, and overthrow the Government eſtabliſht.

For this he was brought to his Tryal on Fryday the 28 of *Nov.* 1678. at the *Kings-bench-Bar* in Weſtminſter-Hall, which was very tedious, laſting from 9 a Clock in the forenoon, till 5 at Night; or afterwards. There were many horrid things proved againſt him, but in particular there were ſeveral Letters produced of his own Hand writing, to perſons beyond the ſea, wherein he declar'd his deſign to deſtroy the Proteſtant Religion, and did ſolicite & deſire aſſiſtance of Mony from *France*, &c. to carry on this wicked deſign; beſides it was proved againſt him by Two Witneſſes, that he paid 5000 pound to a certain Doctor, now in priſon, to poyſon the King, and promiſed him 10 thouſand more. And that another time he was preſent when fourſcore Guinneys were given to four Iriſhmen, to hire them to Murther his Majeſty at *Windſor*, and that afterwards he

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flung them a Guinny of his own accord amongſt them for their further encouragement, with ſeveral other particulars, enough to make any good Chriſtians, or good Subjects Heart ake, and his Ears tingle to hear them repeated: During all his Tryal he behaved himſelf very confidently, denying every thing proved againſt him but his Letters, and thoſe he endeavoured to explain in another more innocent ſence, as if he meant only to gain Liberty of Conſcience for his Papiſts, not to ſubvert the Proteſtant *Church*; but this by the very Words appeared quite contrary, ſo that he was on full and plain Evidence found guilty of High Treaſon, but it being late, the ſentence was not pronounced againſt him till the next day, which was, that he ſhould be carried back to *Newgate*, and thence Drawn on a Sledge to *Tyburn*, the uſual place of Execution, and there to be Hang'd by the Neck, and cut down yet alive, his Members to be cut off, and with his Bowels to be burnt before his Face, his Body to be Quartered, and the Quarters and Head to be diſpoſed of at his Majeſties pleaſure.

Accordingly on Tuesday the 3d. of *December*, he was brought out of *Newgate*, and put upon the Sledge, drawn with 4 Horses all with new Harness, Feathers and Ribbons; he was in a Campaign Coat, a Gray Hat, which he kept on all the way over his Eyes, and that together with his large Perriwig, and holding down his head, reading in a small Book, hid him so that his Face was scarce to be seen, and all the lower part of his Body was cover'd with the Straw, sitting in a serious posture, never regarding the multitude of people that flockt to behold him, nor the vast Guard, being as is believed above two Thousand Watchmen and Halberteers that attended him.

Being come to the place of Execution, he behaved himself after a fashion like one sullen or angry, rather than like a Dying man. Having declared himself so zealous a *Papist*, and declaring now that he would dye in that faith; there were no Ministers to attend him, which must be attributed to his obstinacy in refusing their assistance, for otherwise we know they never fail the meanest person in such Extremities; Being come out of the Sled, he was put into a Cart, and then the Hangman fixt a Rope about his Neck, and the end to the Gallows, to which he thereupon several times cast a wistly look, as likewise he did on the fire, which soon after was kindled, in readiness to burn his Bowels; then he gave the Executioner some Gold, and putting up the Handkerchief from his Eyes, with a very audible voice spake to the people to this Effect.

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His Laſt Speech.

That he never deſign'd any Treaſon againſt the Kings life, but always wiſht well to his perſon; but acknowledged that he was ſo firm and zealous a *Roman*-Catholick, that to promote that *Religion* in *England*, he had uſed his utmoſt endeavours; and that whatever he had done, was on that account; Which aſſeveration he repeated with appealing to Heaven that it was true, and many braving Expreſſions, but in ſpight of all his *Roman* Gallantry, the tears ſometimes were ready to guſh out at his Eyes. After this he pulled down his Cap, and ſeemed to pray privately to himſelf for about a quarter of an hour, but it was obſerved that moſt part of that time, he held his hands to his mouth, and bit his Nails, as one in a ſtrong paſſion of Vexation; Having concluded his Devotions, ſuch as aforeſaid, one of the Sherriffs was pleaſed to ask him a moſt ſeaſonable queſtion; Whether he did not know ſomething of the Death of Sir *Edmund-Bury Godfrey*? deſiring him to disburthen his Conſcience therein before he went out of the World: To which Mr. *Coleman* holding up his hands to Heaven, anſwered by declaring and proteſting, that as he was a dying man, and hoped for any mercy from God, he was not privy to, nor any way concerned in that Gentlemans death: Then he prayed again for a very ſhort ſpace, & ſettled himſelf in a poſture

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dye; and so the Cart going away, he gently put himself off, at which the people gave a mighty Shout; and having Hang'd almost a quarter of an hour, he was cut down and Quartered; and his Quarters brought back in the Sled to the end of *St. Giles's*, whither a Coffin being brought in a Coach, they were wrapt up in a Sheet and put therein. Thus died this unhappay man, And so let all the Kings Enemies perish.

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